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SUBJECT: BERLIN MEETING OF CDU/SCU BUNDESTAG CAUCUS

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SUMMARY: CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG CAUCUS MEETING IN WEST BERLIN
SEPTEMBER 5 AND 6 HELD WITHOUT PROBLEMS. CAUCUS
APPROVED "BERLIN SUPPORT PROGRAM" (BERLIN-HILFSPROGRAMM)
AND DISCUSSED STRATEGY FOR UPCOMING BUNDESTAG SESSION.
PUBLICITY WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN GENERATED BY MEETING
COMPLETELY OVERSHADOWED BY SCHLEYER KIDNAPPING. END SUMMARY.

1. THE CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG CAUCUS HELD ITS REGULAR SEMIANNUAL
MEETING IN THE FORMER REICHSTAG BUILDING IN WEST BERLIN
SEPTEMBER 5 AND 6. THE ITEM OF BUSINESS CONCLUDED BY THE
BUNDESTAG CAUCUS WHICH RECEIVED MOST ATTENTION IN BERLIN
PRESS WAS "BERLIN SUPPORT PROGRAM" WORKED OUT BY THE CAUCUS
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FOR PRESENTATION TO FRG PRESIDENT WALTER SCHEEL. AS
EXPLAINED BY CDU CHAIRMAN HELMUT KOHL, BERLIN SUPPORT
PROGRAM WAS PREPARED FOR FEDERAL PRESIDENT IN RESPONSE
TO REQUEST HE HAD MADE TO ALL POLITICAL PARTIES TO
PREPARE SUGGESTIONS FOR AIDING BERLIN WHICH HE AS FEDERAL
PRESIDENT COULD COORDINATE AND PRESENT AS NON-POLITICAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY. KOHL EXPLAINED THAT

BECAUSE PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO SCHEEL'S REQUEST ITS DETAILS WOULD NOT BE REVEALED AT PRESENT. HOWEVER, PROGRAM CONTAINED SUGGESTIONS FOR ECONOMIC PROMOTION, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, SECURING THE CITY'S ENERGY SUPPLY AND A NEW CONCEPT FOR FINANCING MUCH NEEDED APARTMENT CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS THE CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG CAUCUS ALSO AGREED TO SEEK LEGISLATION DURING THE NEXT BUNDESTAG SESSION TO IMPLEMENT A TEN PERCENT REDUCTION OF ALL INCOME TAXES, PROVIDE MORE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN THE FRG AND STIMULATE NEW INITIATIVES IN THE FIELDS OF FIGHTING TERCGRISM.

3. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT RATHAUS SCHOENEBERG FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE CAUCUS MEETING, KOHL ANNOUNCED THAT THE CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG CAUCUS WILL APPLY AGAIN NEXT YEAR FOR PERMISSION TO VISIT POTSDAM.

4. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PUBLIC OR PRESS REACTION TO THE CDU/CSU "BERLIN SUPPORT PROGRAM" LARGELY BECAUSE ALL BERLIN PAPERS HAVE FOCUSED THEIR REPORTING AND EDITORIAL ATTENTION ON THE SCHLEYER KIDNAPPING. AT PRESS CONFERENCE, HOWEVER, KOHL WAS PRESSED BY REPORTERS FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE PROPOSED SUPPORT PROGRAM. MOST REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS APPEARED MILDLY DISAPPOINTED THAT NONE WERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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